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Dear Mr. Weisberg :

You must receive many, many letters from your readers but I hope you will not mind yet another.

I have been a Canadian citizen for nine years (previously British). Back in 1989, while rummaging in a bookstore, I came across a sale-priced book called "*Reasonable Doubt*" by Henry Hurt (I believe you know it well!). In November 1963, I was just ten years old and living in England and knew very little about the assassination.

I read Henry Hurt's book and found it very hard to believe. Why was this evidence covered up? Why has someone not done anything to get the truth out? Thus started my journey, entirely unforeseen, in search of more books on the subject. It grew into a hobby of reading and collecting all I could find on the assassination. I now have many books although very few are worthy of having been printed!

While browsing in a large Toronto bookstore some time ago, I found "*Never Again!*". I knew your name as a scholar of the assassination from other publications but "*Never Again!*" was the first book of yours that I had read. Having finished that one, I hunted down the rest and I now own all of your books beginning with the first "*Whitewash*".

Even though I am not an American citizen, and pursue my hobby from a distance, I am appalled at the American media and politicians for continuing to ignore the truth. If I were an American, I would be embarrassed and angry. Of all the hundreds of thousands of words I have read on the assassination, nothing puzzles and frustrates me more than the media's, and the American public's, lack of intensity in wanting to see this thing blown wide open.

I have never written to an author before (and although you must have heard that a million times, I promise you it's true!), but having read your collected works I feel obliged

to pass on my personal thanks for being so determined, so loyal to the cause of the truth, and so energetic in pursuing this beast for so much of your life.

Your books stand alone with their lack of assumptions and outrageous theories. You have rather let the facts speak for themselves and have acknowledged that there are gaps in the story, and the evidence, that may never be filled. You have avoided twisting the truth to fit a personal belief or to prove a point. While you have not shied away from criticizing fellow writers, you have refrained from the tiresome one-upmanship among this group that hurts all serious investigation and bores many readers. The United States of America owes you a huge debt of gratitude but I am afraid it may be a long time before you receive it.

I promised myself that, with my first ever letter to an author, I wouldn't prattle on and risk being ranked as crazy as some of the JFK assassination theories (I'm not even at two pages, so I'm doing okay!) and I hope that my letter and comments have been welcome.

I salute you as a scholar of the assassination and for providing what I hope will be an important historical record that one day will expose the whole sorry affair.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan Jarvis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alan Jarvis